2010 BRULE RIVER FALL FISHWAY UPDATE

A total of 11,012 trout and salmon were estimated migrating upstream through the lamprey barrier/fishway during the fall review period from July 6 through November 17. The steelhead run consisted of 6,488 fish with the peak occurring the first week of October. The size structure was impressive with 46% over 26" due to excellent growth conditions in Lake Superior the past few summers (large lake herring year class) and a high percentage of repeat spawners (63%) in the run. The skip jack (age 2 & 3) portion of the run was similar to the past four years with nearly 800 entering the river which is about average for the 24 years of fishway monitoring. The brown trout run totaled 3,090 fish with its peak occurring the third week of August and was on par with the past six years. 1,272 Coho ascended the river which was less than anticipated after the phenomenal fishery that occurred on the western portion of Lake Superior all summer long. Favorable lake conditions also had an effect on their growth rates as returning fish were some of the largest ever observed. Other salmonids counted include 109 chinook salmon, 46 pink salmon, 6 coaster brook trout and 1 splake.

Year	Brown Trout	Chinook Salmon	Coho Salmon	Steelhead Fall	Steelhead Spring	Steelhead Total	Estimated Stocked Steelhead
2007-08	3317	314	1765	6345	1215	7560	278
2008-09	2890	248	2197	6640	1096	7736	137
2009-10	2809	85	1172	8130	761	8891	96
2010-11	3090	109	1272	6488			

STEELHEAD





